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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Proposed Grain Crop Estimating Commission.

A TREATY TO THE SENATE

President Asked to Send One and Will Consult Secretary Root.

WOULD VETO SEA LEVEL CANAL

What Senator Hopkins Says on Subject—Deposits With San Francisco Bankers.

Senators Perkins and Flint and David Lubin of California called today on President Roosevelt to urge him to transmit to the United States Senate for ratification a treaty providing for the participation of the United States government in an international arrangement for the estimation of the world's crop of grain each year.

Mr. Lubin, who is identified with commercial and agricultural pursuits on the Pacific coast from Mexico to the northern boundary of this country, projected the international agricultural conference which was held in Rome, under the auspices of the King of Italy, several months ago. The conference resulted in a recommendation that the nations of the world join in organizing a grain crop estimating commission, which should present accurate estimates of the world's supply of grain from year to year.

A protocol has been drafted carrying the idea into effect, but the approval of the Senate is necessary to make effective this country's participation in the work. It is proposed that the members of the commission from the United States shall consist of either three or five members. Of the forty-one nations which sent representatives to the conference at Rome, thirty-nine have agreed to identify themselves with the proposed work, Turkey and Uruguay being the only nations which yet have not agreed to respond to the demand for their participation. Only within a few days China signified its intention to be represented on the body.

The President promised to take the matter up with Secretary Root as soon as possible. Deposits With San Francisco Bankers. Senators Perkins and Flint also talked with the President about financial aid for San Francisco. Many plans for aid by the government have been presented, but none of them has been considered practicable. Secretary Shaw gave great help to the San Francisco bankers by giving deposits of \$200,000 to the government money with them. These deposits, however, are likely to be called in by Secretary Shaw at any time he thinks the government might want the money for other purposes. A resolution passed by Congress providing that a definite term of years be allowed the San Francisco bankers in which to keep this money so that they may know they will have to depend upon the security of the government is perfectly good and there will be no danger of loss with the proper securities. It would simply be a question of extending for a term of years the deposits now with the banks. President Roosevelt has taken the matter over and feels that it has some things to recommend it.

President Veto Sea-Level Canal. President Roosevelt has let it be known that he would veto a project for a sea-level canal if Congress should provide for a waterway of that type. This injects a new feature in the canal fight and adds to the possibility of a delay in the adjournment of Congress.

The President talked today with Senator Hopkins, one of the leading Senate advocates of a lock canal. The Illinois senator insisted that the President's veto of the type is undoubtedly the best one," declared Mr. Hopkins. "The natural impulse of the Senate is to favor a sea-level canal. I felt that way myself until I began to investigate, and the more I studied and read the more I became convinced that the lock system is the best."

The proposition of Representative Littauer, adopted by the House yesterday, that no part of the \$25,000,000 appropriation for the canal be used for a sea-level canal, was made after Mr. Littauer had a conference with the President, who is pleased to know that the House stands with him on this matter.

The Delaware Patronage. Senator Allee of Delaware talked with the President today. The senator has a monopoly of the patronage of the state, but as soon as Senator-elect Dupont comes on here and takes the oath the patronage will be divided between the two, who are expected to work together in harmony. It is generally believed that the factional warfare in the Delaware legislature, and that the republicans will be able to get together from now on unless Adicks should be able to inject further trouble, which is not believed.

Representative Miller of Kansas introduced Senate Senator Miller of Greenwood county, Kansas, Senator Miller is on his way to Philadelphia to attend the republican jubilee there.

BELIEVES THAT IT WILL PAY. Senator Morgan's View of the Canal as an Investment.

Senator Morgan expressed the opinion in the Senate yesterday that the Panama canal will prove a paying investment. The statement was made in connection with the reading of a letter written him by Gen. George W. Davis, concerning the profitable character of the Suez canal. In that letter Gen. Davis said that the stock of the Suez enterprise commands a premium of 90 per cent on the Paris bourse.

"Let us get rid of the idea that we are going to give away a great deal of money in connection with the canal," said the Alabama senator. "I believe that if it were a stock concern, the stock would be worth \$500 within a few years after its completion, notwithstanding fully appreciate the physical difficulties in the way of building a canal at the place decided upon. Let us, therefore, put away the idea of the canal project. The figures on the Suez canal are reassuring on that point."

Suffrage League Outing. At a meeting of the Suffrage League of the District of Columbia next Friday evening in Metropolitan Hall, on F street, the plans for Suffrage day at Luna Park, Saturday, June 23, will be announced. E. A. Roche, chairman of the executive committee of the league, has the matter in charge; and he is arranging the program. It is stated, Representatives Champ Clark of Missouri, T. W. Sims of Tennessee and J. Van Olcott of New York will speak. The celebration is stated to be non-partisan and entirely in the interest of suffrage for the District.

Personal Mention. Rev. Ira H. La Petra, D. D., superintendent of Methodist missions in Chile, South America, and president of Santiago College, was a law student in Columbia College, and in the city for a few days with relatives. Dr. La Petra has been for some time a quarter of a century prominently connected with founding of Methodist missions in the District of Columbia.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL

NEWS OF GEORGETOWN

While at work in the saw mills of R. A. Thomas & Sons, Roslyn, Va., yesterday, O. To Jaeschke, a white boy seventeen years of age, residing at Roslyn, Va., had his left hand cut off at the wrist by a saw. He was removed to the Georgetown University Hospital in the seventh precinct ambulance.

Rosa Shaplin, a white girl twenty years of age, residing at 1245 27th street northwest, was taken ill at her home yesterday. The seventh precinct ambulance was summoned and conveyed her to the Columbia Hospital.

Margaret C. King recently purchased the three-story brick dwelling, 3023 Cambridge Place northwest, from R. B. Willard.

Patrick T. Moran and D. W. O'Donoghue, assignees, have transferred to Mary J. Herman the premises at 322 E. Wisconsin street, west, which is the old Cook home. The consideration is said to have been \$2,500. The house is an eight-room modern frame with a large lot.

Mr. Crandall Mackey, who recently purchased the property at the northwest corner of 33d and M streets northwest, will, it is understood, remove the old frame structures from the site. Mr. Mackey paid \$8,000 for the property several weeks ago.

A deed was recorded yesterday whereby Laura A. Pearson transferred lots 208 and 209 Pearson's subdivision of square 1245, being the two two-story brick dwellings, 3221 and 3223 E. Wisconsin street, to Margaret W. Heizer for a consideration of \$10,000 for both houses.

The Miller-Shaw Real Estate Co. has sold to Alice K. and Charles W. De Maine for Lucas P. Loving, trustee, estate of Charles B. Cropley, the three-story brick business property at 322 E. Wisconsin street. It is the intention of the purchaser to rent the property until they are ready to occupy it themselves for business purposes.

LOYALTY PINS AWARDED.

Prizes to Pupils Who Wrote Best Essays on "The Flag."

Special interesting features attended the Flag day exercise of the Blake School, held Thursday at 1:30 at the Methodist Church, corner of R and North Capitol streets, in the awarding of two gold and two silver pins by the Department of Potomac, Women's Relief Corps, as prizes to the scholar writing the best essay on the flag, and the best recitation. The intention had been to give only one prize, but the declaration by Miss Mabel Hellman, and the essay written by Master Elton Bragg were of such equal excellence, both showing much work, that the judges, Mrs. Vina M. Callahan, department of Potomac, Women's Relief Corps, Col. B. F. Chase, and Col. Walker, commander of Lincoln Post, G. A. R., decided that a prize was due both. The presentation of loyalty pins to each was made by Mrs. Olive A. Raymond, department patriotic instructor. The design of these pins is an emerald flag across the face of the pin, the reverse side the inscription, "Loyalty." Presented by the W. R. C. This is comparatively a new feature of the day. The first of these pins was awarded in this department. Honorable mention was also made by the patriotic instructor, Olive Raymond, of Gladys Webb, Mary Curry, Rebecca Kesseloff and V. Farrington for the beautiful manner in which their recitations were given.

The principal of the school, Miss F. M. Roach, conducted the program, which embraced the exercises usual to flag day, after a short address to the children by Col. Chase the exercises closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

PUSHING THE INQUIRY.

Government to Determine Whether or Not Ice Trust Exists.

The investigation to discover whether or not an ice trust exists in this city, which has been set on foot by the government, through the Department of Justice, is being quickly pushed. At the office of the United States attorney for the District it was stated today that the inquiry had not as yet developed anything definite. The investigation, it was stated, has not yet taken form which will enable the officers of the government to say whether or not the grand jury will be called upon to take any action in that connection.

The examination of retail dealers in ice is being continued at the district attorney's office. The investigation, it was stated, while bringing out the fact of the increase in the price of ice, has up to the present failed to show whether it is simply the result of the alleged failure of a society of ice, or whether it is connected with any general combination among the wholesale dealers with the purpose of advancing prices.

District Sued for Damages.

Suit was filed today in the District Supreme Court by Kittle Peace against the District of Columbia for damages in the sum of \$500 for alleged personal injuries. The plaintiff avers that the District allowed a quantity of ice to accumulate and remain on the sidewalk between N and O streets northwest, March 2, 1905, and on the sidewalk between N and O streets, sustaining permanent injuries. She states that her right thigh was broken in the fall. The defendant is charged with negligence in the alleged failure to remove the sidewalk in a safe condition for pedestrians. The plaintiff is represented by Attorneys Wolf & Rosenberg.

Bathing Beach Opens Today.

The bathing beach was opened to the public this morning. For the first time women and children found recreation there, and after 12 o'clock noon, the beach was opened to men and boys. Adequate bathing houses and more diving boards are in use at the beach this season. These improvements cost \$1,000.

Police Court Briefs.

Two mouthfuls of tree leaves for his horse cost George Height \$5 this morning. That was the fine which was imposed on him by Judge Mulwiny in the Police Court today. He was charged with violating the police regulations in allowing his horse to bite a tree on Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Drivers of wagons and teams in the District must now keep awake while on their wagons. In consequence of many complaints of pedestrians, citizens and policemen, the Commissioners framed and promulgated a police regulation designed to meet this contingency, and Policeman Adams of the first division, who was the first cases under the new law. The defendants were Eugene Arrington and Ruben Johnson. Johnson forfeited \$5, while instead of appearing at court, and Arrington's personal bonds were taken by Judge Mulwiny not to go to sleep again while on the wagon.

For violating the weights and measures law in the use of a counter-balance scales and two cup measures, Frank Daneri, a grocer, of 324 15th street, was fined \$75 in the Police Court by Judge Mulwiny today. In default of the fine, Daneri was ordered to be committed to the workhouse for six months.

High School Cadets Excursion.

The High School Cadets' excursion to River View yesterday was attended by about 800 school boys and girls, with their parents and friends. The outing was held for the purpose of raising funds for the cadets' summer military camp at Ocean City, N. J., next month. Almost 1,000 tickets were sold, and the steamer St. Johns made three trips to the resort during the day.

TOO MANY BOOKBINDERS

Brotherhood of Bookbinders Will Choose Officers

AT SESSION THIS AFTERNOON

Proposition as to Eligibles Provokes Discussion.

CAUCUS OF WOMEN DELEGATES

Defense Fund for Carrying on Eight-Hour Contest—Delegate to American Federation.

Much of the accumulated business of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders was disposed of at the session this morning, and the decks were cleared for action for the afternoon session, when officers for the ensuing term will be elected. Considerable discussion was provoked by the proposition that only those members who are actually working at the bookbinding trade can be elected to office in the international body. President Robert Glocking, who is labor commissioner of the province of Ontario, Canada, and cannot, therefore, for the time work at the trade, opposed the idea. He said he wanted the bookbinders' brotherhood to be a twentieth century institution and not a craft of the middle ages. It was absurd, he declared, to hold that a man must have a hammer or a paste brush in his hands in order to be elected to an office in the association, and added that he was admitted to the bookbinders' union in 1871 and worked at the trade twenty-nine years.

Then there arose in Canada the necessity for the appointment of a labor commissioner, and he was honored by the international body. That honor was also in equal measure conferred upon the labor union he represented.

"The purpose of the labor movement, from my understanding," President Glocking added, "is the uplifting of humanity." A delegate referred to Amos Cummings, the printer-congressman, who he said carried a typographical union working card in his pocket for many years, although he did not work at the trade. The printers' union was not present.

A lady delegate from Washington asked the convention to be broad-minded in dealing with the question and the words, prohibiting men or women from holding office in the organization unless he or she was actually working at the trade, were, by a large majority, stricken out.

Women Hold a Caucus.

The women delegates to the convention held a caucus and decided, it is said, to place in nomination for afternoon Annie E. McKee of Philadelphia for vice president, and Kate V. Smoot of local No. 42 of this city and Cornelia Keenan of Denver, Col., for members of the executive board.

The decision was reached to consolidate certain funds of the international body into a defense fund for the purpose of carrying on the eight-hour contest when the proper time arrives.

The following propositions were submitted to the referendum:
No. 1. At journeyman's rate members shall pay 25 cents per week and women workers shall pay 5 cents per week while working.
No. 2. Journeymen shall pay 50 cents per week and women workers 10 cents per week while working.
No. 3. All members shall pay 5 per cent of wages per week.

In the event of the adoption of any of the above propositions, the money in the fund so established shall be used only in the event of the eight-hour day.
It was decided to elect a delegate to attend the next convention of the American Federation of Labor.

Dr. Daniel McFarland a veteran member of the bookbinding craft, was given an ovation by the delegates.

Resolutions Adopted.

Several important resolutions were adopted at the morning session. The first of these was unanimously carried by a standing vote. It provides "that the best interests of labor require the admission of women to full citizenship as a matter of justice to them, and as a necessary step toward insuring and raising the scale of wages for all."

The convention by resolution expressed its sympathy with the members of the craft in San Francisco, in view of the recent city wage assessments, and assessments of the local unions of the strikers who had remitted from April 1 to July 1, 1906. An appeal will also be made to the membership for aid for the sufferers.

By unanimous vote the convention adopted Delegate Feeney's resolution "that the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders endorse and commend for early consideration by Congress the bill known as the Currier bill, relating to copyrights, and especially the provision for the copyright of the right of any foreign book or publication unless the composition and binding are done in this country."

Another resolution introduced by Delegate Feeney was adopted, as follows:
"That this convention of International Brotherhood of Bookbinders request Congress, when it reopens the tariff question, to increase the duty on bound books of all kinds, including in such tariff all bound books, and to request the tariff committee of the American Federation of Labor, through our delegates to that convention, to also pass this resolution, and to assist us in placing this question before Congress at the proper time."

The sum of \$500 was appropriated for the two local unions of bookbinders at Des Moines, Iowa, now carrying by a standing vote, and their per capita tax and assessments were remitted. These unions went out with the printers of that city at the time of the inauguration of the convention of the International Typographical Union, and have been in the contest since.

Session Yesterday Afternoon.

At the session yesterday afternoon it was decided to create the office of "president and general organizer," in lieu of maintaining paid organizers, which one of the delegates favored. Special efforts of the organizer are to be directed to the city of Philadelphia, in conjunction with the movement of the central board of that city.

The decision of President Glocking in refusing the request of Paper Cutters' Union, No. 119, of New York that the paper cutters of another union be compelled to affiliate with them, was sustained on appeal. A resolution was passed requesting "that the union organize the feeders in their organization, and that the union recommend the holding of district conferences for the promotion of the cause."

A resolution for the adoption of a uniform scale of wages was passed. Where the difference affects the trade of women having the lower scale was passed. A strike of any union may be declared by a majority vote of the union, according to another resolution adopted, and where several unions are involved it may be done by a majority vote of all the crafts involved.

Receives Severe Burns.

While cooking on a gasoline stove at her home, 217 E street southeast, last night, shortly before 7 o'clock, Mrs. Gertrude Bush, twenty-six years of age, received severe burns about her head and shoulders. She was removed to Providence Hospital. Mrs. Bush was alone in the kitchen at the time she experienced trouble with the gas stove. The fire became ignited and she was burned before she could get away from the stove. It was stated at the hospital this morning that she spent a comfortable night and should have been in a slightly improved condition.

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